(b) if so, their number during the last three yearsr

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to introduce a scheme of giving titles and awards to those entrepreneurs who have plans to create more jobs for jobless; and

(d) if so, by when such a scheme is likely to be implemented together with details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The number of job-seekers not all of whom were necessarily unemployed at the end of years 1990, 1991 & 1992 were 346.3. 363.0 & 367.6 lakhs respectively.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is pre sently under consideration in the Ministry of Labour.

PROVISIONS FOR DIVERTING THE WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

2438. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under the fourth Schedule, Part A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 there is no provision of diverting 1-1|6 of the wages of employees from provident fund contributions to the family pension fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have recently permitted such ' a diversion;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the number of labour organisations have represented to Government against such a diversion; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Goven-ment thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) Section 6A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 provides for diversion of a portion of the provident fund contribution towards the family pension fund set up under the Family Pension Scheme which is in operation with effect from 01-03-1971. Under section 9 of the EPF & MP Act the Employees Provident Fund is deemed to be a recognised provident fund for the purpose of the Income Tax Act.

(d) and (e) Certain employees unions had filed writ petitions challenging the provisions of the Family Pension Scheme in the High Court of Bombay. The Court upheld the validity of the Family Pension Scheme and dismissed their petition. The petitioners have now filed a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court of India. *The* Government has asked the EPF Organisa-*ion to take necessary action for defending the case in the Court.

NEW JOBS WERE REQUIRED FOR Unemployed

2439. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI G. G. SWELL : SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as on 1st April, 1992 new jobs were required for 23 million unemployed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 35 million labour force would be added during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the projected new job requirement between 1997-2002 would be 36 million; and

(d) if so, what is the segment with estimated job absorption during Eighth Five Year Plan and what would be un-

employment at the end of Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The addition to the labour force during the period 1997-2002 would be 36 million. The projected new job requirement during the same period would be 51 million.

(d) Estimates of employment generation by sectors for the Eighth Plan period •are given below :

Sector	Estimated Additional Employment generation during 1992-97 (million persons)
1. Agriculture	16.5
2. Mining & Quarring	0.7
3. Manufacturing	6.5
4. Construction	3.7
5. Electricity, gas & water	0.2
6. Transport & Communication	3.0
7. Other Services	12.0
TOTAL	42.6

It is estimated that with the employment-growth projected above, unemployment at the end of the Eighth Plan would be 15 million.

REPORT OF THE GUJARAT TRACTORS INDUSTRY BARODA

2440. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI G. G. SWELL : SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY ;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since collected report about the Gujarat tractors industry located at Baroda which has been converted into a Co-operative venture by workers as reported in the press;

(b) whether Government propose to make it available to the House;

(c) the sources from which Government have got the reports about the labour Co-operative industrial enterprises; and

(d) what are the major details about this Co-operative ventures ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GI'ATOWAR) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

UNIFORMS TO MINE LABOURERS

2441. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR to pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mine Labourers are provided with uniforms every year;